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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.15 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1999/1219)

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475/Add.1) [3]

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

3. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

4. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

6. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

(continued overleaf)

7. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525) [45]

8. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/168)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.55)

9. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

3 p.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/607) [152]

2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/608) [153]

3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/610) [155]

4. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/611) [156]

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/612) [157]

6. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/613) [158]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/614) [159]

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/615) [160]

9. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/616) [161]

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.-
4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. — 48th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (e) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 and L.71

2. Sectoral policy issues [98]

   (b) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.70

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 and L.69

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

* Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 44e séance — Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/54/3, chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   (a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36 (A/C.5/54/38)

   (b) Programme budget implications of draft resolution II contained in document A/54/604 (A/C.5/54/36)

   (c) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/34)

   (d) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/35)

   (e) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1)

3. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   (a) Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa (A/54/431 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (b) Unforseen and extraordinary expenses (A/C.5/54/29 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (c) Proposed abolition of two General Service posts under income section 3 (A/C.5/54/14 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (d) Internal and external printing practices of the Organization (A/C.5/54/18 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (e) Temporary assistance for meetings: requirements 2000-2001 (A/C.5/54/19 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (f) Rental of United Nations premises by press and other entities (A/C.5/54/25 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (g) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: section 26, Public information (A/C.5/54/27 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (h) Use of general temporary assistance for specific positions (A/C.5/54/33 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29 and A/C.5/54/33))

6.30 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIME

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 7 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Executive session on the estimates in respect of matters before the Security Council
3. United Nations Observer Missionin Angola (MONUA)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Room CB-2B (Suite of Offices of Conference Room 2).

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 9 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution: international trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36))

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefing

A briefing for non-governmental organizations on the theme "The 21st Century -An Era of Human Rights: The Fight Against Racism - Preparations for the World Conference", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will take place *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. More information can be obtained on the United Nations Web site at the following address:www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/dpingo.htm (or by calling (212) 963-7078 or 963-7709).

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There will be a closed meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) *today*, 9 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 10 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Dialogue among civilizations [34]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)
2. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/297, A/54/378, A/54/536)
   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/626)
   (c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of all interested delegations to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held on Friday, 10 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in *Conference Room B*.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December, at 10.30 a.m. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the ac-tivities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

73rd plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

The General Assembly continued its consideration on agenda item 31.

The representatives of Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Tunisia, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Senegal, Norway, Namibia, Ethiopia and Cameroon made a statement.

The representative of Poland made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.38 (resolution 54/94).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 31.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.54.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.49.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56 and A/54/L.57.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.34/Rev.1.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.54 (resolution 54/95).

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56 and A/54/L.57 (resolutions 54/96 A, B, C and D).

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.22/Rev.1 (resolution 54/97).

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.34/Rev.1 (resolution 54/98).

The Assembly was informed that action on other draft resolutions already submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 20 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (c) and (d) of agenda item 20.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]

(a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/651)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 47.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.27 (resolution 54/99).

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 14 December 1999, to Friday, 17 December 1999.

74th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Senegal, Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Burkina Faso, South Africa, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Malaysia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Indonesia and Botswana.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider the reports of the Third Committee on Friday, 17 December 1999, in the morning.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 1999/232, p.12): under agenda item 78, the following text should be inserted before the last paragraph:

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/54/565).

Committees

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Norway, Netherlands, Italy, Cyprus, Spain, Luxembourg, European Community, Japan, United States, Canada, Denmark, Tunisia, Sweden, Republic of Korea, Greece, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, India, Austria, China, Turkey, Bahrain, Kuwait, Germany, United Kingdom, Mexico and Finland.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of certain United Kingdom Overseas Territories) (3 December 1999)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone. Gothenburg (Sweden), 30 November 1999

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Signature: United States of America (1 December 1999)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 9 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

To mark Human Rights Day, a panel discussion, organized by the United Nations Staff Council's Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (CSIICS), will take place *today*, 9 December 1999, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, with the participation of Mr. Giandomenico Picco, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Mehri Madarshahi, President of the Staff Council, and Mr. Julio Grieco, Office of the Security Coordinator. Mr. Ian Williams, United Nations correspondent, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Change of address

As of Monday, 13 December 1999, the New York headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will be located at the following address: The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10174 (tel.: (212) 457-4000; fax: (212) 457-4001). The Office will be closed on Friday, 10 December 1999.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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